

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 OSLO 00902 041516Z

43

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 H-01 DODE-00 SS-15 NSC-05 CIAE-00 PM-03

INR-07 L-02 ACDA-05 NSAE-00 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02

TRSE-00 SAJ-01 /056 W

----- 011824

R 041322Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY OSLO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9389

USIA WASHDC

INFO USMISSION NATO

USNMR SHAPE

USDOCOAFSOUTH

COMSIXTFLT

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

CINCUSNAVEUR

USDOCOAFNORTH

CTF 60

USS SARATOGA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE OSLO 0902

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP, NATO, MILI, NO

SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 1975 NATO TOUR FOR NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS

REF: OSLO 0350

1. RECENTLY COMPLETED TRIP TO SIXTH FLEET CARRIER, NATO HEAD-
QUARTERS ANN SHAPE, PART OF ONGOING EMBASSY PROGRAM TO INCREASE
UNDERSTANDING OF NATO AMONG INFLUENTIAL NORWEGIAN POLITICAL LEADERS,
WAS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS. FROM FEBRUARY 22 TO 28, FIVE LEADING
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SPENT ONE DAY AND TWO NIGHTS ABOARD USS
SARATOGA (CV 60), VISITED BOTH USNATO AND NATO'S INTERNATIONAL
STAFF, RECEIVED BRIEFING AT USEC AND MET WITH SACEUR DURING 1/2 DAY
STOP AT SHAPE. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT THIS TRIP HAS CONTRIBUTED
IMPORTANTLY TO NORWEGIAN UNDERSTANDING OF NATO AND ALLIANCE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 OSLO 00902 041516Z

DEFENSE EFFORTS AND MADE POSITIVE, PROFOUND IMPRESSION

UPON PARLIAMENTARIANS THEMSELVES.

2. PARTICIPANTS IN THIS UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL GROUP WERE:

PER HYSING-DAHL, CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENTARY DEFENSE COMMITTEE;
RAGNAR CHRISTIANSEN, CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENTARY FINANCE
COMMITTEE; OTTAR LANDFALD, MEMBER OF DEFENSE COMMITTEE;
KJELL MAGNE BONDEVIK, CHURCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE; AND
MRS. KARIN HAFSTAD, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. TOUR PROGRAM
MADE POSSIBLE BY GRANT FROM USIS OSLO AND US NATO.

3. TOUR COMMENCED WITH SIXTH FLEET CARRIER PORTION AND SPECIAL
CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR US NAVY, SPECIFICALLY TO
ADMIRAL PETERSEN, CAPTAIN DUNN AND THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF
THE USS SARATOGA (CV 60) FOR AN IMPRESSIVE, INFORMATIVE AND
MOST HOSPITABLE STAY. RECOGNITION OF US PREPAREDNESS AND
EFFICIENCY WAS UNANIMOUS AMONG NORWEGIANS. ALTHOUGH THE RE-
MAINDER OF THE TRIP PROVIDED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, IT'S TOUGH TO
TOP "SARA".

4. GROUP CONTINUED TO NATO HEADQUARTERS WHERE THEY RECEIVED
EXCELLENT OVERVIEW OF NATO'S CURRENT WORK AND PROBLEMS FROM
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
KILLHAM. PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE ALSO MOST APPRECIATIVE OF
MR. KING-HARMAN'S BRIEFING ON DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY.
DR. RANNESTAD FILLED OUT THE SCIENTIFIC/CCMS SIDE OF NATO
ACTIVITIES FOR HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMEN. THE DAY AT NATO
CONCLUDED WITH A FIRST RATE SESSION HOSTED BY POLITICAL
COUNSELOR PEREZ/DEFENSE COUNSELOR LEGERE AND A COURTESY
CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL PANZA. THE NORWEGIANS
WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE FRANKNESS AND INFORMALITY
OF THE PRESENTATIONS AS WELL AS THE COMPETENCE OF THE
OFFICIALS THEY MET. THE DETERMINATION OF ALLIANCE MEMBERS
TO SOLVE THEIR COMMON PROBLEMS THROUGH CONSULTATION AND TO
MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE DEFENSE POSTURE VIS A VIS THE WARSAW
PACT CAME THROUGH CLEARLY.

5. SHAPE WAS NEXT STOP WHERE GROUP RECEIVED SHORT UNCLASS-
IFIED BRIEFING PRIOR TO MOST REWARDING VISIT WITH SACEUR,
GENERAL HAIG. "HUMAN" SIDE OF GENERAL'S PRESENTATION WON
NORWEGIANS OVER COMPLETELY WHILE THE POLITICAL AND DEFENSE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 OSLO 00902 041516Z

ISSUES HE COVERED PROVIDED GROUP WITH NEW INSIGHTS INTO
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS.

6. FINAL SESSION OF TOUR AT USEC WITH CHARGE MR. MYERSEN WAS
EXTREMELY WORTHWHILE AND SOMETHING WE HOPE TO INCLUDE REGULARLY
ON FUTURE TRIPS. FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CHRISTIANSEN FOUND
THIS ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING BRIEFINGS ON TOUR.

7. WE CONCLUDE THAT TOUR WAS HIGHLY VALUABLE, UNQUALIFIED
SUCCESS AT A TIME WHEN NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT WILL BE CONSIDERING
MANY ISSUES CRITICALLY IMPORTANT BOTH TO U.S. AND TO THE ALLIANCE.
FEEDBACK FROM EVERY PARTICIPATING NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN
REINFORCED IMPRESSION OF ESCORT OFFICERS THAT OUR IMPACT ON THIS
SOPHISTICATED AND INFLUENTIAL GROUP WAS UNUSALLY EFFECTIVE.
OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL CONCERNED.

BYRNE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975OSLO00902
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750075-0958
From: OSLO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750384/aaaacyau.tel
Line Count: 123
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 OSLO 0350
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <15 APR 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <16 APR 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FEBRUARY 1975 NATO TOUR FOR NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS
TAGS: OVIP, NO, NATO
To: STATE USIA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006